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Ashland, Inc. Director of Environmental, Health and Safety and Sustainability Joins Board of Ohio River Foundation

December 15- Ohio River Foundation (ORF) is pleased to announce that Gary Allen Director of Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) and Sustainability for Ashland, Inc., has been elected to the non-profit's Board of Trustees.

“It is an honor to join the board of an organization with the mission of protecting and restoring the water quality and ecology of the Ohio River and its tributaries for the health and enjoyment of present and future generations,” says Gary Allen of her new position. Gary has dedicated thousands of hours directly participating in Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Highway, United Way projects and church ministries.

Rich Cogen, Executive Director of Ohio River Foundation commented, “We’re excited to welcome Gary to the ORF team. He brings a wealth of experience as we look to grow and expand the foundation’s impact in the community and the Ohio River watershed.”

ORF’s River Explorer education program launched this year in Columbus, Ohio with nearly 1,000 participating students. The growing and expanding program had five thousand students participate this year in Greater Cincinnati. Other markets are also being considered for this popular program.

Ohio River Foundation is dedicated to protecting and improving the water quality and ecology of the Ohio River and all waters in its 11-state watershed. ORF works towards these goals through environmental education and conservation activities that serve to inspire environmental stewardship for the benefit and enjoyment of all current and future citizens.

ORF's key programs are River Explorer (an award winning education program that annually reaches more than 5,000 students per year and more than 15,000 student contact hours with hands-on STEM education) and our Restoration Program which target habitat restoration

opportunities throughout the Ohio River Watershed. A featured program within the Restoration Program is the Youth Conservation Teams program - an award winning work-study stewardship program for high school students that is active on local and federal government lands.

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